Federal Communications Conversations Secretary

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Washington, DC 20554

June 21st, 2003

Dear Commissioner Copps,

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The Honorable Kevin J. Martin, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Mr. Martin.

I am writing to urge you to NOT relax the rules concerning ownership of broadcast facilities.

Certain proposed changes currently being considered by the Commission would allow large media organizations to gain monopolistic control of radio and television news and information across the country.

May 13, 2003

I strongly believe the such control by relatively few organizations would severely endanger our democracy by limiting access of the American people to differing viewpoints on critical issues.

Accordingly, I again ask you to continue the existing broadcast ownership rules which encourage political debate.

Sincerely,

Wallace F. McCoy

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Re:

In the matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review – Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, MB Docket No. 02-277

Dear Chairman Powell:

The Federal Communications Commission is considering possible changes to its media ownership rules. We understand the Commission may issue a rule as soon as June 2, 2003, that would relax media ownership rules in a way that could significantly enhance the concentration of media ownership. We request that the Commission propose a specific rule or rules, hold public hearings, and allow the public and Congress to review and comment on any proposed rules prior to final adoption.

Allowing greater concentration and cross-ownership of media may have a profound impact on Americans' access to a wide range of news, information, programming, and political commentary. Despite tremendous advances in telecommunications, Americans predominantly gain information from television, radio, and newspapers. For the relatively small percentage of Americans who turn to the Internet for their news, television-affiliated web sites dominate. The mass media, therefore, provides the information Americans need to fully participate in our democratic society. Altering media ownership rules could seriously affect vigorous public debate and the marketplace of ideas.

One of our concerns is that there be public access to many "products" in the realm of news, opinion, and information. Government action should be exercised to promote greater competition and thus to encourage diversity of views. Extreme care should be taken by the Commission to see that as a practical matter, no monopoly in the presentation of news and opinion is created. Any media ownership rule the Commission adopts must permit a factual determination as to whether a particular media combination would adversely affect the diversity of expression and independence of editorial content, or result in substantial lessening of competition.

We recognize the question of whether concentration will always lead to a lessening of diversity of opinion expressed in the mass media is unsettled. That fact makes it imperative that there be the widest possible

comment on any proposed rule, so the Commission may fairly and impartially evaluate whether it will promote or hinder such diversity.

Hindering public comment is the fact that no rule has yet been proposed. The Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on media ownership, but proposed no actual rule upon which the public could comment. Thus, the public and Congress have had no opportunity to comment on specific changes and their possible effect on diversity. While there may be a difference of opinion on whether media concentration automatically results in lack of diversity, relaxation of the rules could have such a consequence. For this reason, the opportunity for the public and Congress to comment on a specific proposed rule is necessary.

Relaxation of the media concentration rules could have enormous consequences for the marketplace of ideas that is so vital to our nation. The public interest requires that any proposed changes to the rules be made in the open, with full and fair opportunity for all interested parties to comment. We urge the Commission to propose a rule, and allow hearings and public comment on this extremely important issue.

Sincerely,

Laura W. Murphy

Director

Marvin J. Johnson Legislative Counsel

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The Honorable Kathleen Q. Abernathy
The Honorable Jonathan Steven Adelstein
The Honorable Michael J. Copps

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Federal Communication Commision

As a citizen of the United States, I am very concerned about the direction of your two year review of guidlines for media ownership. I do not endorse any change in the 1934 law that insures that the media has no cross ownership of media between newspapers and T.V. in our communities. I am also against any change in the percentage amounts that a media company can own in a designated market. These essential features of the 1934 media law was designed to insure that diversified ownership of media would gaurantee to the consumer that there would also be a diversified perspective on the issues of our day whether they be local ,national or international. These protections do not need to be modernized because these rules are essential to an educated populace. Our democratic princilples can only be protected by having an educated public that is informed by a multi-owned and vastly varied media. Please don't change the existing 1934 law.

Respectfully,

John de Neeve

Kalispell, Montana

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Mr. Michael Powell
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Michael Powell:

I read with dismay that you were considering eliminating regulations that prevent one company from owning a newspaper and a television station in the same city.

I grew up in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where one family owned the radio station, the newspaper and the television station. When I went to college, I found out that our news had been slanted toward the Democratic politics of that family and was shocked to learn that there were, in fact, other viewpoints-Republican, for example- that were never presented.

I urge you to reconsider putting media in the hands of so few. It is imperative that we should have the opportunity to consider different points of view. Consolidation would set this country back decades.

I hope you give this your serious consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothea Petrie

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Shirley M. Wright Steinman 3011 Vivian Rd. Monroe, MI 48162 May 21, 2003 Confirmed

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To the Secretary FCC Commissioners and Chief, Media Bureau

It has been many years since I have watched corporate TV 'news' or listened to corporate radio 'news' or read many corporate newspapers for 'news'; my news comes from public broadcasting, independent press, and from Canadian and British sources. And I tell everyone I know to avoid TV 'news' broadcasts, that are even referred to by the actors on them as "shows". Still, I am furious that even further inroads into what I once naively believed in, a Constitutional right to freedom of the Press, are being proposed and will be voted on June 2, 2003!

It is appalling that 10 public meetings on this important issue were boycotted by three of you! It is further appalling that \$3 billion dollars from the last presidential campaign went to TV (and we all know it wasn't *public* TV)! It was payment for past and future favors. Campaign Finance reform stops, in most cases, right where the buck stops.

Democracies are not run like this. This is the country which keeps talking about planning to install democracies in the nations it "liberates". If only 6 companies own most of the print, radio, TV, and internet media outlets, and are allowed to vend their ideas and products EVEN IN OUR SCHOOLS, what hope for true democracy does this nation still possess? And you are proposing to pull the noose even tighter?

It was interesting to watch "The Rise of Evil" in which the Hitler brand of fascism was traced. The brand being home-grown in this nation is not quite as blatant, but is just as scary.

This poem is from my book, Only Paper, Merely Words:

New Anthem of the Defeated

O Corporate America, we pledge to thee
Our lives, our blood, and our most sacred dollar.
You lurk behind that tarnished flag
That our forefathers bled for.
You take your money off-shore
To avoid your country's taxes,
Taxes every little man must pay
For those wars waged for your sake.
You prostitute the very word of freedom.

You make our representatives rich So they make laws in your favor. You lure investor's coin into Worthless, "name-only" savings That will add more to your coffers. You pay enough to elect your man, Even as president. He becomes The most powerful man on earth So he can rule for you with impunity.

You buy the air waves up,
Air that the people own, and need
For their priceless liberty.
You buy up all the largest press,
Make huge cities one-paper towns
To help dispense with diverse opinions.
All these sell the goods that make you
Even richer, sell your point of view,
Even sell the so-called "news"
That we peons believe is true,
So we'll all kneel down and bow to you
And forever pledge U! S! A!

Freedom of the press must mean diversity of that press. Please do not vote to further erode that diversity. Thank you.

Sincerely, Shirly A. Steenman

Shirley M. Steinman

Michael Powell, Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Sreet SW Washington, DC 20554

May 18, 2003

Dear Mr. Powell,

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I strongly oppose the further concentration of ownership of public media. I believe a mix of modes of ownership and independent voices best serves our continued democracy. This applies to television, radio, newspapers and electronic communication. I am extremely concerned that concentration of ownership will reduce the range of views we need in order to make the "marketplace of ideas" work. Regulation should work to preserve fair competition and independent ownership.

Sincerely,

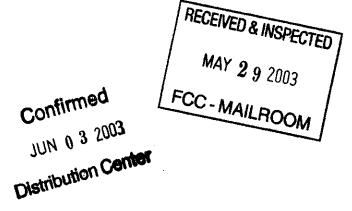
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The Honorable Kevin J. Martin Commissioner Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554



Dear Mr. Martin:

Giant media conglomerates are trying to gain near total control of radio and television news. This would most likely cause a one-sided dissemination of information that our communities all across America would receive. Some of these conglomerates have a known track record of attempting to keep opposing views from being heard. Some large corporations are lobbying the FCC to relax the current ownership rules.

I am asking you to do what you can to stop any relaxing of the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

Americans need to hear the whole news story, not just one point of view. Please do what you can to keep the broadcast ownership protections that we have had for decades.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Debra A. Shelford

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Thousand Oaks, California 91320-2723

To the FCC:

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DEAR FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION:

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I. I AM ONE OF THE MILLIONS OF INFORMED AMERICAN CITIZENS, WHO IS PROFOUNDLY OFFENDED:

BY THE OUTRAGEOUS SECRECY WHICH SURROUNDS FCC PLANNING FOR DEREGULATION OF THE PRINTED/BROADCAST MEDIA IN THIS NATION!

II. I AM ONE OF THE MILLIONS OF INFORMED AMERICAN CITIZENS, WHO DEMANDS:

POSTPONEMENT OF THE JUNE 2ND VOTE ON THESE SECRET PLANS!!

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III. I AM ONE OF THE MILLIONS OF INFORMED AMERICAN CITIZENS. WHO DEMANDS:

FULL DISCLOSURE AND BROAD DISSEMINATION OF ALL FCC PLANS FOR DEREGULATION -- AND PUBLIC CLARIFICATION OF THE THREAT TO OUR FRAGILE DEMOCRACY REPRESENTED BY YOUR PROPOSALS!!

IV. I AM ONE OF THE MILLIONS OF INFORMED AMERICAN CITIZENS, WHO DOESN'T TRUST:

ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, OR FOX (OR RUPERT MURDOC) OF THE CORPORATIONS FOR ONE SECOND -- PARTICUARLY AFTER THE SHAMELESS CORPORATE MEDIA SUPPORT OF THE BUSH REGIME'S INVASION AND OCCUPATION OF IRAQ!!

V. I AM ONE OF THE MILLIONS OF INFORMED AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO WANTS:

MICHAEL POWELL AND HIS CORPORATE BUDDIES TO BE PUT IN THEIR PLACE!!!

INFORMED CITIZENS WANT A FREE, IN-DEPTH, OPEN, NON-CORPORATE, INDEPENDENT MEDIA!!!

DO YOUR DUTY -- NOT TO CORPORATIONS AND DESPOTS -- BUT FOR CITIZENS!

Thank you,

Bradley A. TePaske, Ph.D. Pacific Palisades, CA

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